

## Evening Programs

### *Owl Prowls*

Fridays  
7:30 p.m.  
2 hour guided walk



Imagine standing in the middle of a primeval forest on a moonless night. A cold night breeze sends a chill down your spine. You shine your flashlight into the trees -- something shines back!

If you have never experienced the Park at night, this is the program for you! Talk to barred owls and look for flying squirrels, bats, fireflies and other critters on this 2 1/2 mile walk. We must warn you -- you might like it so much you may want to come back, again and again.

Bring your friends and family. Keep your youngsters under five years old at home.

Reservations required. Please call 803-776-4396 up to two weeks in advance.

All programs begin at the Harry Hampton Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

Park may cancel programs due to weather or park emergencies.

## Canoe Tours

### *Guided Canoe Tours*

Saturdays and Sundays  
12:00 p.m.  
4 hour guided tour

Explore the heart of Congaree on this expedition. One of our rangers will lead you and your fellow paddlers on a trip of a lifetime!

Enjoy the winter ambiance of this forest while floating under bald cypress and tupelo trees. Bring a snack, a change of clothes and your sense of adventure.

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## Your National Park

### *Traveling Rangers*

Park rangers can present programs at your location. Our Park Rangers will talk on a wide range of subjects such as Congaree National Park, Greening the Parks, or other topics relating to the natural history, culture and environment.

Call (803) 776-4396 ext. 0 to arrange for a program.



The National Park Service preserves and protects our cultural and natural history unimpaired for future generations.

For more details about these and other programs please contact the park by calling:

(803) 776-4396 ext. 0  
[www.nps.gov/cong](http://www.nps.gov/cong)



Congaree National Park preserves the largest intact tract of old-growth bottomland hardwood forest in the United States.

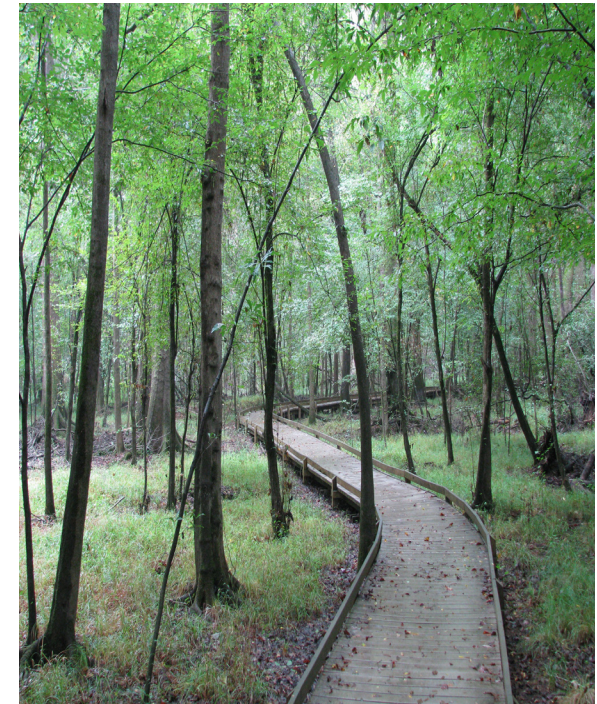
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Congaree National Park



## Winter Programs 2008 - 2009

December, January,  
February



Congaree National Park  
100 National Park Rd.  
Hopkins, SC 29061  
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## Day Programs

### *Weston Lake Wilderness Hike*

Friday 2:00 p.m.  
3 hour guided hike

This 4.5 mile hike will take you on the Weston Lake Loop Trail where you will experience a true wilderness area.



### *Birds & Branches*

Friday and Sunday  
9:30 a.m.  
2 hour guided walk

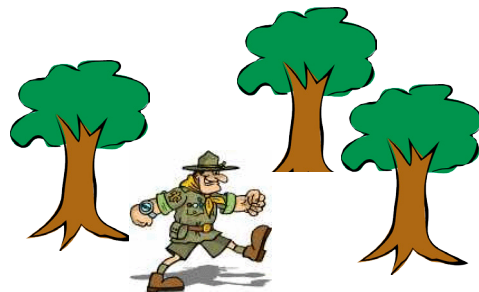
What is going on up there? Have you ever wondered what happens up in the forest canopy? Who lives up there? How does the canopy benefit the forest? All ages welcome.

## Day Programs

### *Nature Discovery*

Saturday 9:30 a.m.  
2 hour guided walk

Immerse yourself in a magical, old-growth bottomland forest and witness its giant trees and diverse wildlife.



### *Tree Trek*

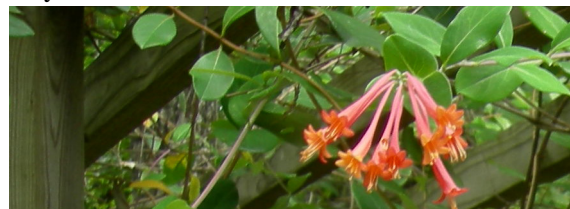
Daily  
1 :30 p.m.  
2 hour guided walk

Discover the primeval forested floodplain that is Congaree National Park. Experience extraordinarily diverse plant and animal life while walking among the towering trees. Meet at the Harry Hampton Visitor Center.

## Special Events

### *Backyard Bird Count*

February 13-16, 2009 is National Backyard Bird Count Weekend. If you would like to participate, park staff will present programs on bird identification and bird feeder building and other information related to birds and birding in your area.



### *Backyard Bird Feeding*

Sunday February 1, 2009  
1:00p.m.

Come learn how to attract birds to your backyard and keep them coming back!

### *Birding 101*

Saturday February 7, 2009  
8:30 a.m.

For those who always wanted to bird-watch but didn't know where to start.

Sign up in advance for the above programs - space is limited.  
(803) 776-4396 extension 0.

## Special Events

### *Big Tree Hike*

Saturday, January 24  
10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

Park Ranger Stuart Greeter will lead this hike to several of the "big trees" in the park. Learn how the "Champion Tree" process works. The secrets of how champions are determined and how to nominate a tree will be revealed. Maybe you will nominate the next state champion tree. Call park to check for future dates of this program.

Pack a drink and lunch and wear your hiking boots on this 6 mile hike. Call (803) 776-4396 for reservations  
Space is limited.

### *COMING ATTRACTIONS!!!!*

### *NatureFest April 18 & 19, 2009*

Join us for this celebration of Spring! Events will run all weekend, so grab your family, friends or neighbors and enjoy this land of giants --trees that is!